

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Cold Stream/F12 Trail Accessibility Improvements

LOCATION: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Project consists of two phases of trail work and parking improvements. Phase I: Modify Cold Stream Trail to meet Federal Access Board guidelines for accessible trails. Improve approximately 2,100 linear feet of trail surface reducing the trail width to 4 feet (from approximately 6-8 feet wide in most areas); Construct drainage rock armament at one location, with minor ripping and filling of existing trail bed to repair severe erosion; Reroute approximately 940 linear feet of existing trail to reduce excess grades; Augment entire trail surface with 3/8" minus aggregate to create firm and stable surface. Phase I segment will terminate at a bird viewing aggregate pad near a large oak at the edge of the meadow. Phase II: Improve the F12 multi-use trail connector from the Cold Stream Trail to the Upper Green Valley Fire Road. Reroute the severely eroded F12 trail from Cold Stream Trail to Stonewall Creek Fire Road; replace existing ~1,800 ft. trail segment with ~3,200 ft. segment; Close and rehabilitate existing trail using vegetation salvaged from impact areas where possible; Rock-armor four drainages; Construct segments of rock wall; Excavate rock and import soil to re-contour rehabilitated trail. Obtain rock for the walls and drainage armament from excavated areas of the trail bed or import from a quarry. Pave two accessible parking spaces (totaling 414 square feet) to serve the temporary visitor center/museum and trail head. A DPR-qualified archaeologist will monitor all project subsurface disturbances to ensure that construction activities avoid known resources and that if previously-undocumented archaeological resources are encountered, they will be recorded and evaluated.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption Class: 1,3,4 Section: 15301,15303,15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; and construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities; included as "trail or road repairs," "trail removal, construction, or realignment," and "new construction of small (appurtenant) structures" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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